

**George Washington to William Howe, August 23, 1775,
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To SIR WILLIAM HOWE

Camp Cambridge, August 23, 1775.

Sir: I flatter myself you have been misinform'd as to the conduct of the men under my Command, complain'd of in your's of Yesterday. It is what I should highly disapprove and condemn.

I have not the least Objection, to put a stop to the Intercourse between the two Camps, either totally or partially. It obtained through the pressing Solicitations of Persons cruelly seperated from their Friends and connections, and I understood was mutually convenient.

I am Sir, etc.¹

Howe's letter, to which this was a reply, is in the Washington Papers. It reads: "Charlestown Camp, August 22, 1775 "Sir: The men under your command, having repeatedly fired upon the officers of his Majesty's troops, before they were returned to the outworks of this camp from parleys, that have been brought on by your desire, I am to request all further intercourse between the two camps may be at an end your own letters excepted, which will be received, if you are pleased to send them by a drummer. I am, Sir, your most obedient servant. "W. Howe."